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METHODS FOR CLASSIFYING SAMPLES AND ASCERTAINING  
PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN CLASSES



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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated December 15, 2003, the claims of Group I (Claims 1-14), drawn to a method to determine a weighted vote and a method to assign a sample to a class by determining a weighted vote, are elected for prosecution. In addition, Applicants believe that Claims 65 and 66, which are dependent on Claim 5, are properly classified in Group I rather than Group IV.

Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

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Responsive to the requirement for an election of species for searching purposes,  
Applicants hereby elect ALL and MCM3 as the species. Claims readable on the elected species  
of ALL are Claims 1-7, and claims readable on the elected species of MCM3 are Claims 1-7.

Respectfully submitted,

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